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Introduction
This photograph collection was generated by the California State Federation of Labor (CSFL) and its newspaper, the California AFL-CIO News. The collection was donated to the Labor Archives and Research Center by Greg Castillo, Librarian, CSFL Library. This collection was processed by Carol Cuenod under the supervision of Karen Lewis.

History
Representatives of sixty-one unions and five central bodies convened in San Francisco, January 1901, and organized the State Federation of Labor. The only group of workers which refused to affiliate was the building trades unions. They, in turn,
formed the State Building Trades Council later that same year. This situation was reversed however in 1910 when P. H. McCarthy, President of the Building Trades Council, permitted building trades locals to affiliate with labor councils in their community and with the CSFL.

The next division occurred in 1936 when locals which affiliated with the emerging Committee for Industrial Organization (CIO) either withdrew or were expelled from the CSFL. The CIO unions formed the California Industrial Union Council, which was the second state labor federation until 1956. With the merger of the national AFL and CIO that year, a committee from the two California federations was established. It took almost three years to agree upon merger language which resolved the problems of jurisdiction and feelings of enmity between the two groups.

One of the major functions of the Federation has been political and legislative activity. They lobby for and against legislation which affects the welfare of workers, and endorse candidates based upon their record and commitments to the labor movement.

The most powerful office holder in the CSFL is the secretary-treasurer, who usually serves as the Federation’s political spokesman in Sacramento as well.

**Scope and Content**

The collection is made up of 147 black and white images, 113 of which are 8” x 10”; the balance range from 2” x 3” to 5” x 7.” All photographs are housed in one document box. They span the years from 1934 to 1950. The bulk are in the 1940s.

There are two series: 1) portraits of individuals or groups of individuals, arranged alphabetically by the key person in the photograph. Others are cross-referenced. 2) Subjects, arranged alphabetically according to headings determined by the archivist. There is a master list of individuals from both series which lists the number(s) of the folder(s) in which the person appears.

There are images of the CSFL secretary-treasurers–Paul Scharrenberg, Edward Vandeleur, C. J. (Neil) Haggerty, and the presidents–Anthony Noriega, Charles Real and John F. Shelley. Reflecting the political activity of the Federation, there are many photographs of California legislators and governors. Governor Earl Warren is seen addressing the CSFL Convention in 1949, at legislation-signing ceremonies with labor leaders, and speaking at a dedication of a Sailors Union of the Pacific War Memorial. AFL and CIO unity is recorded in two subject folders–the radio broadcast “Unity for Victory” and the Screen Office Employees’ Guild strike with picket signs stating “CIO supports AFL Picketline.” A major strike in agriculture was at the Di Giorgio Farms in Arvin from October 1947 to May 1950. There are photos of food caravans from supporting unions with men and women unloading boxes of food. Other photos show strikers and supporters with vineyards in the background, men and women pickets with C. J. Haggerty, William Mitchell, President of the National Farm Workers’ Union, and William J. Bassett, Secretary-Treasurer, Los Angeles County Federation of Labor. There is a dramatic photo of James Price, a strike leader who was shot, lying wounded on the floor (he recovered and continued his leadership in the strike).

**Individuals**

| Box-folder 1/1 | A - F |
| Box-folder 1/2 | G - K |
| Box-folder 1/3 | Haggerty, C. J. (Neil) (9) |
| Box-folder 1/4 | Knight, Governor Goodwin (3) |
| Box-folder 1/5 | L - M |
| Box-folder 1/6 | McCarthy, Robert L. (3) |
| Box-folder 1/7 | N - R |
| Box-folder 1/8 | Noriega, Anthony (3) |
| Box-folder 1/9 | Real, Charles W. (4) |
| Box-folder 1/10 | S - Z |
| Box-folder 1/11 | Vandeleur, Edward D. (3) |

**Subjects**

| Box-folder 1/12 | APPRENTICESHIP GRADUATION CEREMONY, SAN DIEGO, 1950, 2-8" x 10" |
Box-folder 1/13  CONVENTION, CSFL, 1949, 9-8" x 10"

Additional Note
Overview of delegates seated at tables; Archbishop John J. Mitty talking to Haggerty; Gov. Earl Warren addressing delegates; Gov. Warren and John Shelley; Gov. Warren, Thos. Ransford and William Bennett; William Green seated with Edward Arnold and William Lundigan (Screen Actors’ Guild); Lathers' Delegation (includes Haggerty); Informal group includes Gov. Warren, Al Smith, Joe Cambiano, Ted Craig, Thos. Maloney, Floyd Mashburn and Earl Cook.

Box-folder 1/14  CONVENTIONS AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS - GENERAL, 2-8" x 10"

Additional Note
Lathers’ International Executive Board Meeting, 1950, C. J. Haggerty and 10 other men seated at table; Painters’ Convention, speakers’ table and delegates, 1946;

Box-folder 1/15  EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, CSFL, DINNER, VILLA RIVIERA HOTEL, LONG BEACH, 1942, 8-8" x 10"

Additional Note
Council members, spouses and guests (unidentified), seated at tables.

Box-folder 1/16  LABORITES, INC., 1 --8" x 10"

Additional Note
Jack Shelley, C. J. Haggerty and unidentified group under Laborites’ banner.

Box-folder 1/17  LEGISLATIVE BILL SIGNING CEREMONY, "DISABILITY BILL," GOV. WARREN’S OFFICE, 1946, 7-8" x 10"

Additional Note
Gov. Warren, Haggerty and Shelley (3); Gov Warren amd Shelley seated. 11 men (unidentified) standing (3).

Box-folder 1/18  LEGISLATIVE BILL SIGNING CEREMONY, "HOSPITALIZATION BILL," GOV. WARREN'S OFFICE, SACRAMENTO, 1949, 3-8" x 10"

Additional Note
Gov. Warren seated with Senators Mayo, Burns, Powers (Senate President), Regan, C. J. Haggerty, and Assemblyman Berry (3 duplicate photos).

Box-folder 1/19  POLITICAL ACTION - "HOT CARGO AND SECONDARY BOYCOTT, 4-2" x 4", 3-8" x 10"

Additional Note
Illuminated billboard reads "FIGHT NAZISM IN CALIFORNIA BY SIGNING REFERENDUM PETITION AGAINST SLAVE BILL, Panel truck pulling billboard trailer on highway (2); Roadster pulling billboard, San Francisco (2); headquarters for petition campaign, 1164 Market Street, San Francisco,(3).

Box-folder 1/20  RADIO BROADCAST, "UNITY FOR VICTORY," 1942, 1-8" x 10"

Additional Note
Group surrounding mike in radio station include State Senator Robert Kenny, Phil Connolly (President, California State CIO Council, Edward Vandeleur, Secretary, CSFL, William Gargan, Screen Actors’ Guild, Captain A. B. Court, Los Angeles Shipbuilding & Dry Dock, R. V. Garrod, President, Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America, State Senator John Phillips, Solon Beatty, American Legion.
Subjects

Box-folder 1/21

SEAMEN'S WAR MEMORIAL DEDICATION, SAILORS' UNION OF THE PACIFIC, SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA, 1946, 6-8" x 10"

Additional Note

Memorial with several wreaths and SUP banner; Gov. Warren at mike, Harry Lundeberg, Haggerty seated on stage (2 duplicate); Haggerty at Mike, Lundeberg, Gov. Warren seated; Lundeberg, Warren and Haggerty before monument; crowd in prayer.

Box-folder 1/22

STRIKES - DI GIORGIO AND KERN COUNTY FARM LABOR UNION, LOCAL 218, 1948, 10-8" x 10"

Additional Note

3 pickets with signs, with Bassett (LA County Central Labor Council), Haggerty and Mitchell; James Price on floor after he was shot; car and truck caravans of union supporters bring food and goods to strikers (8).

Box-folder 1/23

STRIKES - SCREEN OFFICE EMPLOYEES' GUILD, 11-8" x 10"

Additional Note

Men and women on picketline carry sign's "CIO supports AFL Picketline (multiple copies of 5 different images)

Box-folder 1/24

STRIKES - SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL STRIKE, 1934, 1 --8" x 10"

Additional Note

Media event with Mayor Angelo Rossi, Edward Vandeleur and movie news cameramen (2 duplicates).

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MISCELLANEOUS, 3 --8" x 10", 1 --5" x 7"

Additional Note

Mechanics statue, San Francisco; float for Municipal Utilities, San Francisco; California State Capitol building; CSFL Samuel Gompers Centennial Exhibit.

Box-folder 1/24

Alexander, A. R.

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Anderson, Glenn M.

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Arnold, Edward

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Barry, State Assemblyman

Box-folder 1/13 (2), 1/22

Bassett, William J.

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Batters, Ken

See: Noriega, Anthony

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Beatty, Solon

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Blackwell, Frank
Box-folder 1/1 (2)

Brown, Edmund (Pat)
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Burns, State Senator
Box-folder 1/1

Busterud, John A.
Box-folder 1/8

Cheney, Loleta S
See: Noriega, Anthony
Box-folder 1/20

Connelly, Phil
Box-folder 1/13

Cook, Earl
Box-folder 1/20

Court, Captain. A. B.
Box-folder 1/13

Craig, Ted
Box-folder 1/1

Daley, James B.
Box-folder 1/1

Daley
Box-folder 1/3

Doherty
See: Haggerty, C. J.
Box-folder 1/1

Engle, Claire
Box-folder 1/1

Fletcher, Carl
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Freeman, Mervyn
Box-folder 1/2

Gaffney, Edward M.
Box-folder 1/2
Gahagan Douglas, Helen
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Gambiano, Joe P.
Box-folder 1/20

Gargan, William
Box-folder 1/20

Garrad, R. V.
Box-folder 1/2

Gettys, Ralph E.
Box-folder 1/2

Gilmore, Joseph P.
Box-folder 1/2

Goldberger, Jack
Box-folder 1/13

Green, William
Box-folder 1/2

Groves, Frank
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Gruber, “Pop” (VP of CSFL)
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Haggerty, C. J. (Neil)
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Kefauver, Estes
Box-folder 1/20

Kenny, State Senator Robert W.
Box-folder 1/4

Knight, Mrs. Goodwin
See: Knight, Goodwin
Box-folder 1/4 (3)

Knight, Goodwin
Box-folder 1/5

Lehman, Chris (Carpenters & Joiners; VP of CSFL)
Box-folder 1/24

Lowry, Frank
Box-folder 1/21 (4)
Lundeberg, Harry
Box-folder 1/13
Lundigan, William
Box-folder 1/13
Maloney, Tommy
Box-folder 1/5
Mannina, Ross (VP of CSFL)
Box-folder 1/13
Mashburn, Floyd
Box-folder 1/18
Mayo, State Senator
Box-folder 1/6 (3)
McCarthy, Robert I.
Box-folder 1/5
McDonnell, William
Box-folder 1/5
McDonough
Box-folder 1/24
McHenry, Jack
Box-folder 1/5 (2)
Meany, George
Box-folder 1/5, 1/22
Mitchell, H. L.
Box-folder 1/13
Mitty, Archbishop John J.
Box-folder 1/5
Morrison
Box-folder 1/5
Mosk, Judge Stanley
Box-folder 1/7
Nelson, E. F.
Box-folder 1/7
Nolan, Edward L., State Labor Commissioner
Box-folder 1/8

Noriega, Anthony L.
See also: Real, Chas.
Box-folder 1/7

O’Connell, John (Sec’y., S.F. Labor Council)
See: Olson, Culbert
Box-folder 1/7

Olson, Culbert
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Park, E. P., State Labor Commissioner
Box-folder 1/20

Phillips, State Senator John
Box-folder 1/18

Powers, State Senator (Senate President)
Box-folder 1/22

Price, James
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Randall, Tom
See: Haggarty, C. J.
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Ransford, Thomas (Pres., Los Angeles Central Labor Council)
Box-folder 1/9 (4)

Real, Charles W.
Box-folder 1/7

Reardon, Timothy A., Chairman, IAC
Box-folder 1/18

Regan, State Senator
Box-folder 1/7

Reilly, George R.
Box-folder 1/7

Roberts, Russ
Box-folder 1/7

Roosevelt, James
Rossi, Mayor Angelo  
Box-folder 1/10

Saper, Nathan  
Box-folder 1/10

Scharrenberg, Paul  
Box-folder 1/13, 1/16, 1/17 (4)

Shelley, John F.  
Box-folder 1/10

Shipman, Frank  
Box-folder 1/13

Smith, Al  
Box-folder 1/8

Starnum, Mae  
See: Noriega, Anthony  
Box-folder 1/10

Stevenson, Adlai  
Box-folder 1/10

Stokel, George  
Box-folder 1/10

Taggart, Harold F.  
Box-folder 1/10

Tellrop, Von (?)  
Box-folder 1/10 (2)

Urmy, William  
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Vail, Frank  
Box-folder 1/11, 1/15, 1/20, 1/24

Vandeleur, Edward D.  
Box-folder 1/13 (5), 1/17 (4), 1/18, 1/21 (4)

Warren, Governor Earl  
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Welt  
See: Olson, Culbert
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**Wolden, Russell L.**

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**Yorty, Samuel W.**